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SERIAL NO: 10/645,274 ) Examiner: J. E. Chapman  
FILED: August 21, 2003 ) **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
TITLE: DEVICE FOR EQUIPPING AN EXPANSION JOINT, IN ) **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**  
PARTICULAR AN EXPANSION JOINT BETWEEN CONCRETE  
SLABS

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated August 9, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on August 18, 2005. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Request for two-month Extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to October 18, 2005. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.